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Students to Demonstrate Career, Technical Skills Thursday at Capitol ***Legislators and the public invited to annual CTSO Day events***

LITTLE ROCK – The Arkansas Department of Career Education, Career and Technical Education Division invites legislators, the public and members of the media to visit hands-on exhibits from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Thursday, February 28 in the 2nd floor rotunda of the Arkansas State Capitol.

High school and secondary education students from around the state will demonstrate skills and provide information about the following Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs):

- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- Phi Beta Lambda (PBL)
- SkillsUSA (secondary and postsecondary)
- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)
- FFA (formerly known as Future Farmers of America)
- Jobs for Arkansas's Graduates (JAG)
- Technology Student Association (TSA)
- Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)
- DECA

Members of the State Board of Career Education are invited; two have confirmed their planned attendance.

At 10:00 a.m. in the Governor's conference room, Governor Mike Beebe will sign proclamations indicating Arkansas's participation in February as National Career and Technical Education Month.

Related activities will include a luncheon for officers and advisors in the Capitol cafeteria, and state officers will be presented in the House and Senate chambers that afternoon.

About CTSOs:

Career and technical student organizations, or CTSOs, provide students leadership opportunities through a variety of activities. Arkansas CTSO members participate in competitive events and leadership activities at the local, regional, state, and national levels.

Arkansas's CTSOs include FBLA/PBL and DECA for business and marketing students, FFA for students in agriculture-related studies, Health Occupations Students of America, Jobs for Arkansas's Graduates, Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, SkillsUSA, and the Technology Student Association.

Career and Technical Education prepares students to be college-and career-ready and educates them for high-skill, high-wage, high-demand career fields.

Career and Technical Education provides students with academic and technical skills needed to be successful. Students gain a better understanding of basic academic skills such as reading, writing and mathematics when coupled with hands-on, practical experience.

The Arkansas Department of Career Education (ACE) has the mission of providing leadership and contributing resources to serve the diverse and changing career educational needs of Arkansas youth, adults, and persons living with disabilities. www.ace.arkansas.gov

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